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HOUSE RESOLUTION 403
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Elizabeth Willis on the celebration of her 80th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Elizabeth Foster Willis observed her 80th birthday on June 15, 2002, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Lee and Effie Foster, Margaret Elizabeth Foster was born and raised in Tennessee, along with her five sisters and two brothers; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and proficient scholar, Mrs. Willis received her education from the Davidson Academy in Tullahoma, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Middle Tennessee, she is a highly respected member of the Murfreesboro community; and

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WHEREAS, for thirty years, Mrs. Willis served with acumen and alacrity as the Caterer for the Woman's Club, in which position she earned the unbridled respect of the fellow members for the exemplary quality of her work and her dedication to duty; and

WHEREAS, a woman of impeccable character, Mrs. Willis has been a member of the Church of Christ for sixty years; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 1939, she was joined in marriage with John Pershing Willis and the couple's blessed union produced six children, John P. Willis, Jr., Gerald T. Willis, Willie E. Willis, Margaret Willis Singleton, Joseph Willis, and Leland Willis all of whom are well-educated and successful in their respective fields; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth has provided a fine example of how to excel outside the home, yet still remain devoted to the time-honored values of family and community; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Willis is also the loving grandmother of twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, as she approaches her 80th birthday, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we join with her family and many friends in honoring and congratulating Mrs. Elizabeth Willis as she commemorates her 80th birthday with a special celebration on July 5, 2002, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

